

CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING 04/17/2013

Minutes of meeting held April 17, 2013, from 7:15-8:20 PM

PRESENT: Doug Johnson, Roger Rittmaster, Carla Ferguson, Robin Kern

OLD BUSINESS:

- The minutes of the meetings held on January 30th and February 27th were approved.
- Doug was informed that the matter of the Camden Conservation Commission (CCC) donation of \$500 to the Maine Farmland Trust has gone to the town attorney.
- Doug stated that CCC's corrections of and suggestions for the Comprehensive Plan were submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Doug read what he had written about CCC for the Annual Report. He touched on such topics as Arbor Day, the Project Canopy Heritage Tree grant, the high priority given by CCC to the Riverwalk project, the two tours of the Rokes Farm and the award to CCC from the Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society.
- There followed a general discussion of the Riverwalk project (and a more limited discussion of the Harbor project) and the various issues involved, and of the public meeting on this matter which was well-attended and thought to be very productive.
- Doug felt that a map of those areas, both public and private, that are already approved for the Riverwalk or for which there is a projected approval, could be placed on a map, available to the public, akin to what was done by Citizens for a Green Camden as to pesticide-free zones.
- Finally, Roger proposed that CCC sponsor walks focused on such themes as "insects and butterflies" or "heritage trees and that these walks would highlight and demonstrate the need to conserve land in relation to the theme under discussion. The consensus was that this was a wonderful idea that should be implemented as soon as possible. A proposed walk focused on heritage trees is already a part of the heritage tree project. Roger attributed his idea to Jim Dunham of the Lincolnville Conservation Commission.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 29th at 7 PM.

These minutes are submitted by Robin Kern, secretary, as an accurate representation of the major topics discussed.